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**MAY 21, 2014**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**NEWARK, NJ 07102**  
**9:00 a.m.**

### **I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Acupuncture was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Shoshanna Katzman, L.Ac, President of the Board, announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was present:

#### **PRESENT**

**Henry McCann, L.Ac**  
**Mimi Vassilev-Baker, L.Ac (left 10:25a.m.)**  
**Karen Wei-Ru Lin, M.D. (left 11:10a.m.)**  
**Barbara Montana, M.D.**

#### **EXCUSED**

**Shoshanna Katzman, L.Ac**  
**Edith Lee, PhD., L.Ac**  
**Roger Rossi, D.O.**

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

**Jodi Krugman, DAG**  
**Renee P. Clark, Executive Director**  
**Sonia Claudino Administrative Staff**

## **II MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the March 19, 2014 Public Session Minutes. After review, a recommendation for approval of the minutes as written was made by Dr. Wei-Run Lin, seconded by Ms. Vassilev-Baker to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **III NEW BUSINESS**

- a. For Board reviewed Assembly No. 2332 which requires public body to publish notice of public meetings on official internet website. Since the Board already implements, a motion was made by Dr. Wei-Ru Lin, seconded by Ms. Vassilev-Baker to support the Bill. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. For Board reviewed Assembly No.2557 which requires health care providers to observe certain practices concerning collection of outstanding balances on patient records.

The Board reviewed the bill for informational purposes.

## **IV CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Christine Smith submitted an inquiry in regards to whether acupuncture is considered a strictly medical occupation, or does it fall into the same category as massage therapy, and is acupuncture as a business/profession subject to local laws?

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Vassilev-Baker, seconded by Dr. Montana to send a letter to Ms. Smith stating that the practice of acupuncture is governed by the Acupuncture Examining Board which is under the Board of Medical Examiners and that Acupuncture practices may be subject to medical practice laws. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**V FYI**

- a. Acupuncture Regulation adoptions.

The Board discussed the current regulation adoptions.

Chair expressed concern as to how licensees can be advised of the current adoption of N.J.S.A. 13:35-9.12 (a) b in were in Herbology a Certification needs to be obtained if practicing with herbs. Acupuncturist wishing to be grand-fathered must submit the application by October 21, 2014.

Executive Director, administrative staff and DAG are to draft an application to send to all licensees where it clearly states all the required information for the Certification to be issued.

In addition, herbology continuing education requirements are to be included in the renewal applications.

- b. Dr. McCann informed the Board that some states allow applicants to take the NCCAOM state module as a testing option to show competency even if they don't qualify for licensure.

Chair directed Executive Director to contact NCCAOM and inquire as to how they can facilitate the process and approve our applicants to take the NCCAOM outside the current method.

- c. Complaint# 36784  
Attorney General/Complainant  
Merly Quijije a.k.a. Merly Jopek-Paulino and Pedro Paulino/Respondents

For Board review, Deputy Attorney General, Barbara J.K. Lopez submitted copies of the Order to Enforce Settlement and Enter Judgment filed on January 24, 2014 against Ms. Jopek-Paulino and Mr. Paulino.

This matter was reviewed for informational purposes.

## VI HANDOUTS

- a. Robert E. Connolly, L.A.c submitted for Board approval courses for continuing education credits.

After review, Chair directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Connolly requesting that he submit an outline on both courses submitted (Biointegrative Acupuncture and Heart Rate Variability Analysis-HRV) indicating how many hours he's going to offer and an hour by hour breakdown. This matter has been tabled until the requested information is received.

- b. Jill Chiorazzo submitted a course entitled Reiki System of Natural Healing and is inquiring as to whether the course meets the continuing education requirements.

After review, Chair directed that a letter be sent to Ms. Chiorazzo referring her to the continuing education requirements which states if the NCCAOM approves it the Board will accept it. In addition to advising Ms. Chiorazzo that the person teaching the course should apply for approval with the NCCAOM.

- c. Martha Lucas, Ph.D.

For Board approval, Dr. Lucas is requesting to be a Guest Acupuncturist to teach Training in Pulse Diagnosis on July 10 and 11 and Mei Zen Cosmetic Acupuncture on July 12, 13 and 14, 2014.

After review, since Dr. Lucas is a licensed acupuncturist in another state she qualifies to be a Guest Acupuncturist if the course satisfies the Board's criteria for continuing education courses. Chair directed Executive Director to contact Dr. Lucas and ask if the courses are NCCAOM approved.

## **VII ADJOURNMENT**

A recommendation was made by Dr. Wei-Ru Lin, seconded by Dr. Montana to proceed to Executive Session to consider and review continuing education, correspondence and other information received pursuant to the Board's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board's regulations, have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when, and if, the Board determined to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Board chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. McCann, seconded by Dr. Montana to adjourn the meeting at 12:00p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
NEW JERSEY ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

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Renee P. Clark